

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In joining the end portions of belt-shaped glass sheets, the end portions of belt-shaped glass sheets are thermally softened after the end portions are
5 located so that they overlap each other within the range of the glass sheet width. Lap portions of the thermally softened end portions are clamped at least once from both sides in the thickness direction of the belt-shaped glass sheets by means of pressure dies.
10 Thus, the lap portions are joined together to be adjusted to the thickness of the belt-shaped glass sheets.